



Conserve Energy

Tips from the
Missouri Public
Service Commission
that may help save
money on cooling bills
this summer.

Appliances Account for 20% of Household Energy Use

- ☀ Consider using a programmable thermostat to raise the temperature when the home is unoccupied.
- ☀ Turn down the temperature on your water heater to no more than 120 degrees.
- ☀ Keep storm windows and doors in place to reduce the air conditioning load.
- ☀ Vacuum the coils of your refrigerator, and check for frost buildup in refrigerators and freezers as these cause the appliance to work harder.
- ☀ Don't overload an electric circuit with high-wattage appliances. The normal limit for an electric circuit of 15 amps is 1600 watts. Overloaded circuits can blow fuses or trip circuit breakers, as well as make any appliance on the circuit operate inefficiently, and can be dangerous.
- ☀ Avoid using extension cords with appliances. This cuts the efficiency of the equipment.